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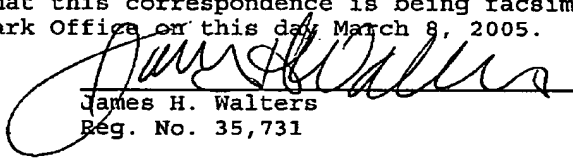
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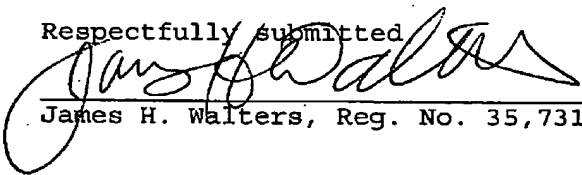
Sir:

In response to the Restriction/Species Election Requirement mailed February 9, 2005, applicant elects Species I, Figures 1-4, claims 27-29, 37 and 38 being readable thereon (as well as generic claims 21-26 and 32-35 being readable thereon).

Applicant elects with traverse, in that it is submitted that the searches and examination would be similar, so it is believed that the claims could be examined together.

Please contact applicant's attorney at 503-224-0115 if there are any questions. Thank you.

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